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Stevens County Canvassing Board
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Dear Canvassing Board Members:

In accordance with RCW 29A.04.570, the State Election Certification and Training Program conducted a comprehensive review of election procedures in Stevens County during the 2006 General Election.

The RCW also requires a follow-up visit prior to the next Primary or General Election to verify the County Auditor's Office has taken the steps necessary to correct the changes recommended in the review report.

The reviewer visited the Stevens County Elections Department on July 17, 2007 and found that the Stevens County Elections Department has changed their procedures to comply with the recommendations in the review report. The Elections Department is in the process of redrawing precinct lines for Meyers Falls 1 and 2, making them contiguous and compact areas.

The Elections Department understands that any future ballot titles for local measures from cities and towns will be prepared by the presenting city or town attorney. All staff in the Elections Department has been trained to issue a provisional ballot to any voter who would otherwise be denied the opportunity to vote a regular ballot, for any reason authorized by the Help America Vote Act.

The Elections Department has placed the Disability Access Unit in a more suitable location, offering privacy to the voter when voting on the unit.

The reviewer suggested updating the materials in the procedures manual as well as arranging the material in a step-by-step order for administering an election. The Elections Department is in the process of making the suggested changes.

I commend the Elections Department for their obvious dedication to the election process and their desire to improve an already good operation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 360.725-5785 or kramsay@secstate.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Ramsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Kay Ramsay
Elections Program Specialist